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Interview Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Cherie M. Woodward

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Cherie M. Woodward.

(3) _____.

(2) Joseph Evans.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 15 February 2006.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 16 and 20-24.

Identification of prior art discussed: none.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

A notice of Non-Compliant Response to a Restriction/Election requirement was sent to Applicants' representative on 7 February 2006 because the elected SEQ ID NO:18 was not a claimed SEQ ID NO. Applicants' Representative called Examiner on 15 February 2006 to state that elected SEQ ID NO: 18 was claimed in claim 16, as the ligand binding domain of growth hormone. The Examiner explained that there was no SEQ ID NO listed in claim 16 and that SEQ ID NO: 18 was not listed in any claim. The Examiner informed Applicants' representative that if he wished to elect the sequence of the ligand binding domain of growth hormone, as SEQ ID NO:18, it would be appropriate to amend the claims to add the SEQ ID NO, where applicable, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.821-1.825 and MPEP 2421.02.

Claims 20-24 were also discussed insofar as they contain claimed sequences with more than four amino acids that are not otherwise identified by SEQ ID NO. The Examiner suggested to Applicants' representative that these claims were also examples of claims that failed to comply with the sequence identifier rules of 37 CFR 1.821-1.825 and MPEP 2421.02. Applicants' representative indicated that the claims would be amended to appropriately identify SEQ ID NO: 18 in claim 16 and that the other claims would be amended to also list SEQ ID NOs, where required.

Applicants' representative was also concerned about the time in which to file a reply to the Non-Compliant Response notice, mailed on 7 February 2006, as the notice of Non-Compliant Response did not specifically contain the 30-day response notice. Examiner informed Applicants' representative that the response due date, according to USPTO records, is 9 March 2006.